multi-pronged strategy, for addressing the problems of educational backwardness of the Muslim community and for improving the access to credit for minorities. The statement is also available on the Ministry of Minority Affairs website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in*.

(c) Five communities have been notified as minorities under section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. Other backward classes who are socially and economically backward, are notified by State and Central Government.

Consideration of *Dalit* Muslims in SC/ST categories

1008. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS bepleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any recommendations from the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities to the effect that *dalit* Muslims should be considered as belonging to the SC/ST categories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) are under consideration.

Percentage of Muslims in Government services

1009: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of Muslims employed in Government services, and specially in the judiciary is far below their share in the population, as per the data compiled by the Sachar Commission to look into the status of the Muslims in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each State; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The report of the Sachar Committee was laid on the Table of the House on 30.11.2006. Chapter 9 of the report contains information on employment of Muslims in Government and in the judiciary. The report is also available on the Ministry of Minority Affairs website *www. minorityaffairs.gov. in.* A number of decision have been taken, as detailed in the Statement on the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee, laid on the Table of the House on 31.8.2007, to improve the educational status of Muslims and improve the representation of minorities in services.

Recommendations of Sachar Committee

1010. SHRI LALITKISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a blue print to implement the recommendations of Sachar Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some districts have been declared as minority dominant in this work;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) which department has been assigned the responsibility to implement these recommendations; and

(0 the details of the action to be taken and budget allocation to be made for implementation of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) to (f) A statement regarding the decisions taken on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee, has been laid on the Table of the House on 31.08.2007. 90 districts have been identified as Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs), details of which are available on the website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in*. Yet, the list is herein enclosed as Statement. *{See* below) Budgetary provisions are made by the Ministries/Departments concerned responsible for implementation of the decisions. Ministry of Minority Affairs, apart from being responsible for implementation of a number of decision, is also the nodal ministry for coordination and monitoring.

Statement

List of Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs)

S1.N 0.	State 2 Andaman	District
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2.	Arunachal Pradesh	East Kameng
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Subansiri
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tirap
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	West Kameng
8.	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum Pare
9.	Assam	North Cachar Hills
10.	Assam	Kokrajhar
11.	Assam	Dhubri
12.	Assam	Goalpara
13.	Assam	Bongaigaon
14.	Assam	Barpeta
15.	Assam	Darrang
16.	Assam	Marigaon
17.	Assam	Nagaon
18.	Assam	Cachar
19.	Assam	Karimganj
20.	Assam	Hailakandi
21.	Assam	Kamrup